Applicants have now opted to forego payment of the issue fee, due April 5, 1999, and submit herewith a Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d).

In addition, Applicants hereby add the foregoing new claims 23-28 for examination in the CPA.

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